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April 7, 2004

Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street Northwest
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Re. AB 33 (Sub No. 153X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is a request for additional 180 days in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of this soon to be abandoned railroad right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa, between near Maxon and near Eddyville. Whereas we expect to complete negotiations in less than the requested time, based on past experience, we believe it is prudent to ask for the 6 months time allotment.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the Omaha and Chicago offices of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., with the intention of gaining the Railroad's cooperation in the extension of this time.

We are sending this letter to you by FAX and forwarding ten copies via regular mail.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails